

## House Resolution No. 4520

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

**Whereas**, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Billy Dee Brown lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Joyce Rae Dunn, during a solemn ceremony on March 16, 1957, at the First Christian Church in Joplin, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Billy and Joyce Brown have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include four children, Timothy Dee Brown, Sr., and his wife, Elizabeth Ann, Thomas Dale Brown, Travis Ray Brown, and Cheryl Sue Brown; and two grandchildren, Timothy Dee "T.J." Brown, Jr., and his wife, Corina, and Sarah Elizabeth Brown; and

**Whereas**, Billy Brown has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes working at the Carnation Milk Company from 1956 to 1976, toiling as a dairy farmer since 1971, being a veteran of the United States Army, and serving in the Army Reserve; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Joyce Brown offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways; and

**Whereas**, active members of Miller Christian Church, Billy and Joyce Brown have also enjoyed recognition by earning the Honorary Chapter Farmer Award from the Miller FFA on May 1, 1981; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Miller commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on March 25, 2007, at the Miller Senior Center:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Billy and Joyce Brown and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dee Brown.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Don Ruzicka  
District No. 132

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4520, adopted August 21, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker